This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended). A secure architecture for <u>preventing copying of</u> ~~encoded or encrypted~~ digital <u>content by way of a computing platform, the secure architecture</u> ~~audio files~~ comprising:

a <u>secure</u> computing platform for receiving and storing encrypted or encoded digital <u>content</u> ~~data~~ from the Internet <u>and from a remote source of digital content</u> as well as storing local encrypted or encoded data, and processing said encrypted or encoded digital data, said computing platform including a host processor and a peripheral bus, said computing platform configured to run audio or video playback application software for passing said encrypted or encoded digital data to said peripheral bus, ~~said computing platform configured so that said peripheral bus is not accessible by said audio or video playback software running on said computing platform~~;

a playback device configured to be connected to said computing platform for receiving encrypted or encoded digital <u>content</u> ~~data~~ from said computing platform <u>by way of said peripheral bus</u>, said playback device including a separate processor, a peripheral bus interface, ~~a timing generator and a digital-to-analog converter (DAC)~~ for receiving said encrypted or encoded digital ~~signals~~ <u>content</u> from said peripheral bus <u>in said computing platform</u> and decrypting or decoding said encrypted or encoded <u>digital content</u> ~~data signals, said timing generator configured to generate timing signals for said DAC,~~ said playback device also including a memory device for storing decoding or decryption software, said peripheral interface coupled to said peripheral bus for receiving said encrypted and encoded digital signals from said peripheral bus, said playback device configured to decrypt or decode said encrypted or encoded digital data and generate a decoded or decrypted ~~analog~~ output signal for playback ~~by an external analog device, said playback device configured to download said encrypted or encoded digital data from the Internet for playback on said playback device~~, said playback device configured so

that computing platform can not access said decrypted or decoded digital content when said playback device is connected to said computing platform.

2. (Previously Presented). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said computing platform includes a network interface for receiving digital data from an external network.

3. (Previously Presented). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said peripheral bus is a USB bus.

4. (Previously Presented). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said p (New) eripheral bus is a PCI bus.

5. (Previously Presented). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said peripheral bus is a Fire Wire bus.

6. (Previously Presented). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, further including one or more user input devices.

7. (Previously Presented). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said computing architecture includes one or more local persistent storage devices.

8. (Currently Amended) A secure hardware architecture for preventing copying of encoded or encrypted digital content by way of a computing platform, the secure architecture audio files comprising:

a computing platform for receiving and storing encrypted or encoded digital data content from the Internet as well as storing local encrypted or encoded data, and processing said encrypted or encoded digital data, said computing platform including a host processor and a peripheral bus, said computing platform configured to run audio or video playback application software for passing said encrypted or encoded digital data to said peripheral bus, said computing platform configured so that said peripheral bus is not-accessible by said audio or video playback software running on said computing platform;

a playback device configured to be connected to said computing platform for receiving encrypted or encoded digital data content from said computing platform, said playback device

including a separate processor, a peripheral bus interface ~~, a timing generator and a digital-to-analog converter (DAC)~~ for receiving said encrypted or encoded digital signals from said peripheral bus and decrypting or decoding said encrypted or encoded data signals, ~~said timing generator configured to generate timing signals for said DAC,~~ said playback device also including a memory device for storing decoding or decryption software, said peripheral interface coupled to said peripheral bus for receiving said encrypted and encoded digital signals from said peripheral bus, said playback device configured to decrypt or decode said encrypted or encoded digital data and generate a decoded or decrypted analog output signal for playback ~~by an external analog device,~~ wherein said playback device is configured to ~~enable creation of a play~~ <u>create a</u> list <u>of decrypted or decoded digital content stored on said playback device.</u>

9. (Currently Amended) The secure architecture as recited in claim 8, wherein said playback device is further configured to enable editing of said ~~play~~ list.